

SECOM-D-25  
30 December 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Coordination Staff

SUBJECT : Ms. Emily S. Sheketoff  
Murphy Commission

REFERENCE : My Memo to [REDACTED] SECOM-D-17, dated  
26 November 1974, Same Subject

1. At her request, Ms. Sheketoff met with [REDACTED] Executive Secretary of the Security Committee, and myself on 24 December 1974. She advised that in her study of Executive Order 11652 she had visited the Federal Archives and in talking to personnel there had become aware of code names and the fact that material classified under Executive Order 11652 was further restricted by compartmentation. She asked if this amounted to an entirely different system of classification, and how it worked.

2. She was informed that compartmentation was not a different system, that it was just an application of the strict need-to-know principle and that intelligence information was classified under the Executive Order and particularly sensitive information might be given a code name to administratively assist in seeing that the strict need-to-know principle was followed. It was explained to her how personnel with Top Secret clearances did not need to know much information if it did not relate to their work or functions. As an illustration I referred her to the book "The Ultra Secret" which illustrated how sensitive information was protected during World War II. It was also mentioned that compartmentation is not something utilized by the intelligence community alone as industry uses it to protect trade secrets, new developments, designs, etc.

3. Ms. Sheketoff appeared to have no other questions and mentioned that she hoped to have her study completed by 31 December 1974.

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